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THIS APPLICATION IS A [] CONTINUATION [x] DIVISIONAL [] CONTINUATION-IN-PART OF U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/005,753 WHICH WAS FILED OCTOBER 29, 2001.

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of:

Inventor(s): **Yasuhiro SAKAI, Yasuyuki KAWASHIMA, Junya INOUE, Yoshiro IKEUCHI**

For: **Method of Staining, and Detecting and Counting Bacteria, and a Diluent for Bacterial Stain**

Enclosed are:

- Transmittal letter with Fee Computation Sheet
- General Authorization For Payment of Fees
- Copy of Title Page, Specification, Claims & Abstract from prior application (33 pages [total number of pages of application])
- Copy of Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pgs.) from prior application
- Copies of 2 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1 to 3) from prior application
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Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence (entire genealogy should be set forth):

"This is a division of application Serial No. 10/005,753, filed October 29, 2001."

Priority is claimed for this invention and application, corresponding applications having been filed in Japan on November 01, 2000, No. 2000-334641, US on October 29, 2001, No. 10/005,753, respectively.

a. Certified copies of the priority document is already of record in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/005,753, filed October 29, 2001, receipt of which has been acknowledged by the US PTO on July 25, 2003.

b. The certified priority document(s) is (are) enclosed herewith for filing in this continuing application.

A Petition for Extension of Time in the parent application is enclosed so that the parent application will be pending as of the time this paper is filed.

- [x] The undersigned declares that the copy of the application papers (Specification, Claims, Abstract, Declaration and Power Of Attorney, and drawings) filed herewith are true copies of those originally filed in the U.S. Patent Office for Application Serial No. 10/005,753.
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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

--This application is a Divisional Application which claims priority from an application filed in Japan on November 01, 2000, No. 2000-334641. The disclosure of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/005,753 is incorporated herein by reference.--.

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